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APPLICANTS: SCHÄFER, S. ET AL - 2 PCT  
SERIAL NO.: 10/587,307 EXAMINER: Krishnan S. MENON  
FILED: AUGUST 29, 2006 GROUP: 1797  
TITLE: MEMBRANE FILTER UNIT AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF THE MEMBRANE FILTER UNIT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2008,  
with the period for response being extended one month from  
January 18, 2009 to February 18, 2009, Applicants respectfully  
respond as follows:

**An Election of Inventions** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**ELECTION OF INVENTIONS:**

The Patent Examiner has required the selection of one of the following two groups of Inventions for further prosecution:

Group I: Claims 1-6, directed to a membrane filter unit;  
and

Group II: Claims 7-16, directed to a method for the  
production of a membrane filter unit.

**ELECTION:**

Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1-6, directed to a membrane filter unit, for further prosecution.